

CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



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CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW FIREHOUSE #9

Cincinnati Fire Department breaks ground September 19 for the first new firehouse in 24 years, to house Engine Co. #9, Heavy Rescue Squad #9 and Ambulance #9 at 4379 Reading Road. It will replace the current home of Engine #9 at 4017 Reading Road, a structure built as a combined Police and Fire station in 1929 and in continuous service since that date.

“With this new firehouse, Cincinnati Fire Department will continue to be located in the Reading Road corridor and be better able to serve the community with not only the Engine #9, but also Heavy Rescue and Ambulance,” said Fire Chief Robert Wright. “The facility will serve the function of emergency response effectively and efficiently,” Chief Wright added.

“Engine #9 has a long tradition of service to the community with countless brave firefighters including Oscar Armstrong III, Mayor Mark Mallory said. “The new state of the art firehouse will provide a greater level of protection and service to the surrounding communities.” City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. commented, “The building of this new facility signals a step up in customer service and that is something to celebrate.”

Groundbreaking ceremony will take place on site at 10:30 a.m. Representatives of the building’s design and architecture team will join City of Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager, members of Cincinnati City Council, Cincinnati Fire Department officials and community representatives from Avondale and Paddock Hills to commemorate the start of construction on the \$3.750 million project. The building, a 15,555 square-foot, two-story structure will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)* specifications and is expected to take 365 days to complete. It will be the only fire station in the City to have its kitchen and conference room on the second floor. The new building replaces the current Engine 9 station built in 1929.

Because there is limited parking on-site, free parking for those attending the groundbreaking will be available in the upper parking lot for Avon Fields Golf Course at 4081 Reading Road and the ONG Armory Parking Lot at 4130 Reading Road. A shuttle service will run continuously from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then for one hour along the same route at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Attached: Engine #9 Fact Sheet

*The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) sponsors the LEED green building program to promote more environmentally responsible building practices, healthier structures for the occupants’ well-being, and lower operating and life cycle costs for the buildings. ###

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ENGINE #9 GROUNDBREAKING: FACT SHEET

- ***New Address:*** 4379 Reading Road, 45229
- ***Expected Completion:*** Fourth quarter 2007
- ***Structure:*** Two-Story, 15,555 square feet
- ***Specifications:*** Built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Specifications
- ***Building Use:*** Station House for Engine #9, Heavy Rescue #9 and Ambulance #9
- ***Cost:*** \$3,750,465.65
- ***Architect:*** Cole + Russell
- ***M.E.P. Engineer:*** Heapy Engineering
- ***Structural:*** Steven Schaeffer
- ***General Contractor:*** Empire Building Company LLC